



Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
Pest Detection and Management Programs – October Program Update

Program: *Phytophthora ramorum*

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Federal Regulatory, State Inspection, Nursery Survey and Other Finds

The National Agricultural Pest Information System (NAPIS) reported that Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Virginia have reported survey results through the Cooperative Agricultural Pest Survey (CAPS) program. No positive survey samples have been reported in NAPIS from these states. California, Maine, Oregon, and Washington are performing surveys not under the CAPS program. Oregon reported 6 positive samples in NAPIS.

There have been a total of 21 positive nursery finds, as of October 3. The states with positive finds/detections are California, Oregon, Washington, Florida, Georgia, and Mississippi.

Forest Detection Survey

The purpose of the survey is the early detection of *P. ramorum* in forest vegetation before infection centers become fully established and more difficult to eradicate. This risk-based survey is voluntary and administered by the USDA Forest Service, Forest Health Protection-Forest Health Monitoring Program. State forestry agencies and supporting laboratories accomplish the survey with funding, training and logistical assistance from USDA Forest Service. Information on the SOD National Detection Survey can be accessed through the USDA, Forest Service webpage at <http://fhm.fs.fed.us/sp/sod/sod.shtm>.

As of November 2, the USFS reported 152 streams baited in 28 states with 953 samples collected. There have been 35 positives found during the water baiting survey, 1 in Washington; 1 in Mississippi; and 33 in California's quarantine area.

Acting Positions

The program would like to thank Feridoon Mehdizadegan for filling in as Acting Eastern Regional Program Manager for *P. ramorum* for 30 days. Bill Dickerson has been selected as the new Eastern Regional Program Manager and will begin this month. We would also like to thank Lisa Ferguson for filling in as the lead scientist for the Center for Plant Health Science and Technology (CPHST) on *P. ramorum* issues. Greg Parra is currently acting in this position.